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EFS: (A) GEORGETOWN 3992; (B) GEORGETOWN 3999
. PLEASE INFORM MINISTER GREEN AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GOG
FFICIALS THAT WE ARE GRATIFIED BY FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO
UR OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH INVESTIGATIONS.
EAM OF FOUR EXPERTS CAN ARRIVE GEORGETOWN 30 NOVEMBER ON
A FLIGHT 227. WE SHALL PROCEED WITH THIS TRAVEL UNLESS
DVISED TO CONTRARY. (TEAM COULD DEBARK PLANE IN TRINIDAD
ND AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS IF THERE IS A HANG-UP IN OBTAINING
INAL GOG CLEARANCE.) NAMES AND DESCRIPTION OF TECHNICAL
XPERTISE OF EACH MEMBER OF TEAM ARE SET FORTH IN PARA 6
ELOW. AS INDICATED, TEAM INCLUDES A BALLISTICS EXPERT
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ER THE REQUEST OF THE GOG. WITH RESPECT TO REQUEST FOR
PATHOLOGIST, JUSTICE DOES NOT EMPLOY ANY PERSONNEL WITH
UCH EXPERTISE. NORMALLY FBI CONTRACTS WITH MILITARY TO
ROVIDE PATHOLOGIST WHEN NEEDED. PLEASE ADVISE AS TO ROLE
OG ENVISIONS FOR PATHOLOGICAL EXPERT, AND WE WILL MEET
EQUEST WITH RIGHT EXPERTISE. YOU MAY ALSO INFORM MINISTER
HAT TEAM WILL WORK IN FULL COOPERATION WITH GOG AUTHORI-
IES UNDER YOUR DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION.
. WITH RESPECT TO PUBLICITY, WE HAVE INSTRUCTED ALL
GENCIES TO REVEAL NO INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER UNTIL WE
AVE COORDINATED PUBLIC POSTURE WITH GOG. OF COURSE, IT
S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE COORDINATED GUIDANCE AVAILABLE
SAP IN EVENT OF LEAKS.
. WE WOULD PROPOSE CONTINGENCY STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING
INES TO BE USED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS IF ASKED: "FOUR
ECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ARE
RAVELLING TO GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, THIS WEEK TO ASSIST THE
OVERNMENT OF GUYANA IN THEIR ON-GOING INVESTIGATION OF
HE RECENT EVENTS SURROUNDING THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE

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GRICULTURAL COMMUNITY THERE. THEY WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH
EIR COUNTERPARTS IN GUYANA. THE FOUR EXPERTS ARE
PECIALISTS IN THE FIELDS OF BALLISTICS, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND
NGINEERING."

. FYI. ALL FOUR MEMBERS OF TEAM ARE EMPLOYED BY FBI.
HILE SUGGESTED GUIDANCE IS ACCURATE IN REFERRING TO DEPART-
ENT OF JUSTICE OF WHICH FBI IS A COMPONENT PART, WE CAN
NTICIPATE FOLLOW ON QUESTIONS REGARDING FBI INVOLVEMENT
N INVESTIGATION. WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT SUCH QUESTIONS
E ANSWERED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "ALL RELEVANT COM-
ONENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INCLUDING THE FBI

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RE PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE. WITH RESPECT TO
HE TEAM OF EXPERTS, THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS WERE SELECTED
Y THE DOJ ON THE BASIS OF THEIR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND
RE TPAVELLING TO GUYANA AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPART-
ENT OF JUSTICE, AND NOT OF ANY PARTICULAR SECTION OF THAT
EPARTMENT." IF ASKED IF THEY ARE FBI EMPLOYEES, JUSTICE
OULD RESPOND IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BUT AGAIN EMPHASIZE TECH-
ICAL NATURE OF THEIR FUNCTION AND FACT THAT THEY ARE
EPRESENTING JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AS A WHOLE.

. PURSUANT TO REQUEST OF GOG (PARA 2 REF B), JUSTICE
S ORDERING AUTOPSY OF JONE'S BODY AND WE WILL PROVIDE
OG WITH RESULTS AS SOON AS AUTOPSY CAN BE COMPLETED.

. MEMBERS OF TEAM FOLLOW:

) EVAN E. HODGE, LABORATORY DIVISION, SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS
ECTION, FIRE ARMS--TOOL MARKS UNIT (BALLISTICS EXPERT)

) EDWARD B. O'BRIEN, CHIEF, PHOTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS UNIT,
ABORATORY DIVISION, SPECIAL PROJECTS SECTION (EXPERTISE
N PHOTOGRAPHING OF EVIDENTIARY DOCUMENTS AND SCENE OF
RIME)

) BARRY L. MONES, PHOTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS UNIT (ASSISTANT
O MR. O'BRIEN)

) JAMES E. KIEL, TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION, ENGINEERING
ECTION, OPERATIONAL SUPPORT UNIT (ENGINEERING EXPERTISE,
NCLUDING BACKGROUND IN AUDIO MATTERS).

USTICE IS PROVIDING US WITH MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION ON
XPERTISE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS TOMORROW MORNING WHICH WE
ILL FORWARD SEPTEL FOR USE WITH GOG.

. IN LETTER TO EMBASSY OF GUYANA REQUESTING VISAS FOR

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EMBERS OF TEAM, WE WILL REFER TO THEM AS "REPRESENTATIVES
F THE DOJ." VANCE

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